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## Page 1: Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Parks and Rec Committee Survey

### Q1 What is your name please?

Kendra Black

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### Q2 What Office are you running for? **Council**

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## Page 2: Further questions

### Q3 Which council district are you running for? **Council District** **4**

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### Q4 Regardless of the office you are running for, if you were appointing the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation Department, what education and previous experience would you expect the person to have?

A variety of skills, education and experience are beneficial for a parks director job including: policy, management, executive leadership, urban and parks planning, community engagement, and other outdoor, wildlife and forestry work.

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### Q5 Will you support an ordinance moving OS-A zoning from the Ex. Director of Parks back to City Council? If not, why?

I'm not sure I understand the question. Parks cannot be "undone" without a vote of the people. The City Council does vote on rezonings and parks designations. DPR does a lot of community engagement, including Game Plan and frequent community meetings that engage residents in every part of the city. I think it is appropriate for the Executive Director to make decisions about parks management.

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### Q6 What would you consider is adequate green space for high density development, for example Elitchs. What steps would you take to ensure the zoning requirement for green space is adequate?

The amount of green space should be determined by the population density of a development. The River Mile project will be dense, so green space is essential--and is part of the approved plan, including a mile-long park along the river. Council and city planners need to require more green space in developments across the city.

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## INC PARC 2019 Candidate Survey

**Q7** The use of recycled water in Denver parks appears to be causing the premature loss of many mature evergreens. Is that an acceptable trade-off for accommodating more population growth or should the city spend money to untie remediation measures to save those legacy trees? Please explain your answer.

DPR's working group, that includes INC, is looking at this issue. DPR is committed to addressing the issue with supplemental watering of conifers. Many of our parks were planted with trees that are not appropriate for our climate. Moving forward, we must balance the realities of our semi-arid climate, and the scarcity of water, by planting trees that are more appropriate for our climate.

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**Q8** What would you do to protect and enhance waterways going through Denver?

erving on the High Line Canal Working Group and the High Line Canal Conservancy, I am a strong advocate for preserving and enhancing this recreational waterway. I am also a longtime supporter of the Greenway Foundation. We've come a long way in improving both the S. Platte and Cherry Creek. We do have a serious issue now with people camping near these rivers which is unsanitary, unsafe and causes degradation. I am also in favor of daylighting natural waterways, like the Goldsmith Gulch in my district. Opening them up would provide improved stormwater conveyance as well as green space and recreational opportunities.

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**Q9** What aspect(s) of INC Parks and Rec Urban Platform do you support?

All of them.

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